

Understanding Billing for Your Annual Exam

Thank you for scheduling your Annual Wellness Exam with us! We want to make sure you are informed about how these visits are billed, especially if you have additional health concerns you'd like to discuss during your appointment.

What Is an Annual Exam?

An annual exam, also called a preventive or wellness visit, is focused on:

- Routine screenings and preventive care
- Reviewing your general health
- Updating vaccines, labs, or screenings
- Managing lifestyle and wellness goals

These visits are typically covered at no cost by insurance.

What Happens If You Have a Health Concern or Problem to Discuss?

If, during your annual exam, the provider evaluates or treats a specific medical concern (such as a new symptom, chronic condition, or medication adjustment), this is considered problem-focused care and is not part of a preventive exam.

In these cases:

- A separate charge may be billed to your insurance.
- You may be responsible for a copay, deductible, or coinsurance depending on your plan.
- This is because your visit includes both preventive and diagnostic services.

What Are My Options?

We want you to get the care you need in a way that works best for you:

1. Combine Visits:

You may choose to discuss your concern during your annual exam. Just be aware that there may be two types of services billed to insurance.

2. Schedule Separately:

If you prefer, we can schedule a separate appointment to address your health concern on a different day, which may help keep your annual exam fully covered.

If you have any questions, our team is happy to help!

Your health and clarity around your care are our top priorities.